

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

PRESIDENT MADISON'S MESSAGE.

Synopsis.
(Peace with Algiers; Treaty with Great Britain; Treaty at Ghent; The Indian Warriors; Act for Military Peace Establishment; Merits of the American Army; The Treasury and Treasury Notes; The National Debt; A National Bank; Preparedness; Militia, Reserves and Military Academies; The Navy; Influence of the Tariff; Need of Roads and Canals.)

Part VII.

A NATIONAL SEMINARY.

"The present is a favorable season, also for bringing again into view the establishment of a national seminary of learning within the District of Columbia, and with means drawn from the property therein subject to the authority of the general government. Such an institution claims the patronage of Congress, as a monument of their solicitude for the advancement of knowledge without which the blessings of liberty cannot fully be enjoyed, or long preserved; as a model instructive in the formation of other seminaries; as a nucleus of enlightened perception and a central report of youth and genius from every part of the country, diffusing on their return examples of those national feelings, those liberal sentiments, and those congenial manners which contribute cement to our union and strength to the great political fabric, of which that is the foundation."

A PROSPEROUS ERA.

Peace at Home—Disunion Abroad.
"In closing this communication, I ought not to repress a sensibility, in which you will unite, to the happy lot of our country, and to the goodness of a superintending Providence to which we are indebted for it."

"Whilst other portions of mankind are laboring under distresses of war, or struggling with adversity in other forms, the United States are in tranquil enjoyment of prosperity and honorable peace."

"In reviewing the scenes through which it has been attained, we can rejoice in the proofs given, that our political institutions, founded in human rights and framed for their preservation, are equal to the severest trials of war, as well as adapted to the ordinary periods of repose."

"As fruits of this experience, and of the reputation acquired by the American arms, on the land and on the water, the nation finds itself possessed of a growing respect abroad, and of a just confidence in itself, which are amongst the best pledges for its peaceful career."

"Under other aspects of our country, the strongest features of its flourishing condition are seen, in a population rapidly increasing on a territory as productive as it is extensive; in a general industry, and fertile ingenuity, which find their ample rewards; and in an affluent revenue, which admits a reduction of the public burdens, without withdrawing the means of sustaining the public credit, of gradually discharging the public debt, of providing for the necessary defensive and precautionary establishments, and of patronizing, in every authorized mode, undertakings, conducive to the aggregate wealth and individual comfort of our citizens."

GOOD WILL TOWARDS OTHERS.

"It remains for the guardians of the public welfare, to persevere in that justice and good will towards other nations, which invite a return of these sentiments towards the United States; to cherish institutions which guarantee their safety and their liberties, civil and religious; and to combine with a liberal system of foreign commerce, and improvement of the natural advantages, and a protection and extension of the independent resources of our highly favored and happy country."

"In all measures having such objects my faithful co-operation will be afforded."

(Signed) This fifth day of December in the year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifteen and of the Independence of ye United States the Thirty-ninth.

JAMES MADISON.
President of ye United States, 1815.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following bills were read and referred to the finance committee: P. H. Sperry, \$10; John Cornwall, \$20.11. The bill of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co., for expenses incurred in lowering water pipes in East Washington avenue, in consequence of cutting down grade, amounting to \$270.95, was laid on the table.

Petition of E. B. Carpenter and others for the layout of Madison avenue through to the Jabez Somers road, and for the layout of George street, to connect with Madison avenue was referred to Committee on streets.

The resignation of Horace Page as night watchman and special constable was accepted and Elbert B. Rowe was appointed to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

It was resolved that the clerk be directed to draw an order on the treasurer for the sum of \$1,000 to the order of Mr. Hanford Lyon for the payment of the purchase money for the sewer built by him in Beaver street.

It was also resolved that the clerk be directed to draw an order on the treasurer for \$5,000 to the order of Messrs. Pierce and Van Brunt. The amount to be charged to the sewer account on State street.

Adjourned to Monday evening, Jan. 8, 1866, at 7 o'clock.

A MISHAP TO CAPT. ALVORD.

The king-bolt to the wagon of Capt. J. D. Alvord gave way at the railroad crossing near the Wheeler & Wilson factory, while on his way home Saturday evening, and he was thrown out upon the ground. Fortunately no bones were broken.

WELL, IT'S GOOD OLD "BUCK."
We learn that Mr. Nathan Buckingham, proprietor of the Water street furniture factory, gave a Christmas turkey to each man of a family in

his employ. Mr. Buckingham has done this thing for many successive years and no doubt finds a satisfactory recompense in the hearty thanks he receives from the men and their families. His example in this particular is worthy of imitation.

A GENEROUS EMPLOYER.

We understand that Frederick Wood, Esq., the well known carriage manufacturer of this city, gave away over 400 turkeys as Christmas gifts, mainly to men in his employ. Liberality of that character is never lost on workmen and creates the most pleasant association between employer and employee. Let those who doubt it make the experiment New Year's day.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH FAIR.

We dropped in at Washington hall Saturday evening to see the extent and learn what success the ladies of the Baptist denomination were having with their fair.

It was a fine evening and everybody was enjoying themselves. There was a decided success both enterprisingly and financially. Among the notable things were two rolls of carpeting, a lap robe, and a piano cover, of the Crossley stamp, from the Waterproof Cloth Co. of this city; a Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, and a Howe manufacturing; a stove called the parlor furnace, from the store of L. M. Hopkins; a Stanley stove, from G. P. Stockwell, and one of those new and superior parlor and office stoves called the Oriental, from A. L. Hopkins; a galvanized silver cake basket from J. Porter & Co.; a lady's cloak, from Taylor & Bristol; three large loaves of cake from William Hall, J. N. Wear and the City Bakery, and a variety of other ornamental and useful articles.

Near the close of the evening the carpet and other articles of the higher class were distributed by "lot," or the drawing of numbers. The carpet fell to D. B. Lockwood; the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine to Benjamin Handlin; the Howe machine to William Alvord; the lap robe to Sylvester M. Thompson; the cake basket to B. C. Jocelyn; the ladies' cabinet to M. H. Wilson.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

AFTER SUPT. BIRMINGHAM.
In today's issue of The Farmer the "Soliloquy" has the following to say: "I wonder what the nature of the next attack on Superintendent Birmingham will be?"

"And I also wonder why it is that those that profess to have so much evidence of his neglect of duty, if they are honest in their efforts for reform, do not make formal charges as they should be made. The superintendent is ready to meet them, and if they should be preferred he would not resign before there could be a hearing on them. But the object is not reform; it is a political purpose that will develop and grow for the next four months, and then disappear for another year."

"Superintendent Eugene Birmingham believes in morality. He also believes in allowing the citizens of Bridgeport to have a good time and enjoying themselves to the fullest extent of the law but as soon as they of the persons making profit while citizens are enjoying themselves violate the laws created to keep peace and order in the city of Bridgeport he will bring down a stern hand upon the places where the violations are being committed."

"Eugene Birmingham need not take out his hat to any man. He can boldly throw out his chest and tell any citizen to accuse him of neglecting his duty or accepting graft from any person. In fact he is a man of very few words and the person that started the story that the superintendent is neglecting his duty regarding the observance of the music halls had better tune up a bit as he is due for a raking over the coals before long. In the eyes of the board of police commissioners they made no mistake when they appointed Birmingham superintendent last spring and he will be holding that cherished office when many of his few enemies are gone and forgotten."

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Thursday evening, the City Mission, 378 Water street, will celebrate its fifth anniversary. Mrs. Charles E. Ballou of the Perry McAuley Cremona mission of New York, will be present to give an address on mission work, also Richard Garretson of Brooklyn, N. Y. The public are invited to be present. Service will commence at 7:30.

"THE OWL."

"The Owl" is the name of the old land mark at 19 Gold street. It is owned and conducted by William Zepp, one of the most prominent Germans in the city. That his is a first class German resort goes without saying, and that he is one of the most jovial men in the city is another fact. As agent for the famous Fritz Handrich & Son's wine it naturally follows that the balance of his goods are of equal quality.

SEAVIEW LODGE, N. E. O. P.
Junior past warden, Charles E. Williams; warden, David D. Lockwood; vice warden, Charles S. Schofield; secretary, Anna S. Blythe; financial secretary, F. L. Wildman; treasurer, George A. Schell, Jr.; chaplain, Mrs. Emma A. Clough; guide, Miss Julia M. Murray; guardian, Mrs. Isabella Stone; sentinel, G. W. Blythe; trustee, Charles E. Williams; medical examiner, Dr. James D. Bragg.

COURT BRIDGEPORT, F. OF A.
Chief ranger, Robert T. Walsh; sub-chief ranger, William H. Christianson; treasurer, Isaac P. Eldert; recording secretary, W. F. Brennan; senior woodward, George Mooney; junior woodward, John Garrity; senior beadle, Edward B. Speldel; junior beadle, James M. A. Guirk; trustees, one year, Samuel Flanagan; two years, Joseph Cook; three years, William H. Reilly; court physician, Dr. C. C. Hoyt.

KATIE ROONEY IS HERE.
Little Katie Rooney and "The Derby Mascot" have met with nothing but

success since their opening at the Auditorium. The play is up-to-date and never was better staged than this year. The horses are a wonderful attraction. "The Derby Mascot" is on the boards tonight and tomorrow, Christmas, matinee and evening performances.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL CASES.

Michael Larkin, aged 21 years, of 31 James street, was treated at the Emergency hospital this forenoon for a painful wound over the forehead. He fell on the slippery sidewalk at Main and Lumber streets and struck his head on the curbstone. His injury is a serious one.

Patrick Howe of 51 Pine street, who is a somnambulist, walked out of his house through a window Tuesday evening. He forced his way through and was painfully cut about the head and body. He was treated at the Emergency hospital.

Peter Kohm was struck on the top of the head by a steam sausage stripper. A scalp wound about an inch long resulted.

Michael McGrath fell down some key stone steps in Railroad avenue and received a scalp wound which required 10 stitches to close.

George Andrews had the end of the index finger on his right hand smashed by a drop press at Smith & Egge's this morning.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE SICK.

The hospital was not forgotten in the general distribution today. Turkeys were received from R. T. Whitling and W. L. Wolfram; boxes of oranges each from C. Russell & Co., Mrs. Ebenezer Burr and Mrs. W. H. Perry, baskets of flowers from Mrs. John C. Shelton, and useful articles of wearing apparel for the aged patients in the west ward, from children of the Myrtle avenue school.

OROURKE'S GOAT AGAIN.

Patrick O'Rourke has again captured the Fourth ward goat and a turkey with it. The contest at forty-five took place at John Scanlon's in Grand street, yesterday afternoon. First Ed Reilly captured the goat; then Peter Glennon held possession for a short time and also took the turkey. At this juncture, Mr. O'Rourke appeared, and when he left he took both the turkey and goat. There will be another trial of skill some time next week, and that goat promises to become as famous as the Barrett goat did a few years ago.

Allies Satisfied By Greek Attitude

London, Dec. 24.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company writing under date of Thursday, says:

"At a full sitting of the budget committee of the Duma today Minister of Foreign Affairs Sazonov made a long statement on the political situation in the course of which he said that the relations with Greece following the entente allies' fortification of Saloniki were perfectly well defined. He said: 'The occupation of Hamadan and Kurn enables us to push the Germans causing trouble in Persia.' The budget committee afterwards adopted resolutions affirming that Russia could not think of peace while the power of the German forces remained unbroken."

REO AND FITZGERALD RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF FALL IN HARBOR

Louis Reo and Harry Fitzgerald, both of Springfield, Mass., who fell from the Naugatuck dock before embarking for New York city last night are resting comfortably in St. Vincent's hospital today. Physicians declare they will probably not suffer severely from their icy bath.

SINGER'S HEADS LIST OF CLEAN FACTORIES

The Sanitary health inspectors have completed the inspection of 14 local factories and Chief Inspector C. Howard Dunbar says that the Singer Manufacturing Co. heads the list. Those inspected were the Sewing Machine Cabinet Co., Electric Cable Co., Bridgeport Chalk Co., The Salt's Textile Co., Connecticut Electric Co., Bridgeport Motor Co., Locke Steel Belt Co., Henkel Lace factory and Weidlich Bros. Co.

SAFE FALLS ON FINGER.

James Curley of 1,327 Seaview avenue was caught by his finger under a safe being moved from a building at Fairfield avenue and Water street last evening. The finger was painfully lacerated and bruised and Curley received treatment at the emergency hospital.

HAND CAUGHT IN PRESS.

His hand caught in a press in the record department of the American Graphophone Co., yesterday afternoon, George Livermore, aged 25, of 44 Lee avenue, suffered several lacerations of his left arm. He was removed to the Bridgeport hospital in the emergency hospital ambulance.

More food riots in Berlin were reported.

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Major Moton Succeeds Booker T. Washington



MAJOR ROBERT R. MOTON

Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., chosen to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee institute, the negro industrial school which Dr. Washington founded, traces his ancestry from a member of an African tribe who was captured by a rival chief and sold into slavery to an American in 1736. He was born in 1867 in Amelia county, Va., where his mother was cook and his father was a foreman. From the planter's family he received encouragement to educate himself, and when he heard of Hampton, from which Dr. Washington was graduated, he decided to go there. He entered in 1885 and was graduated in 1890. After he had finished at Hampton, the negro boy decided to enter the legal profession, but General Armstrong, head of Hampton institute, prevailed upon him to remain at Hampton and help to prepare teachers. He took the position of drillmaster and assistant to the commandant and within a few months was promoted to the rank of commandant. He is associated with many movements for the advancement of his race.

TOLL LINES REPAIRED.

The Southern New England Telephone Co. announced last night that all toll lines had been repaired as a consequence of the last ice storm. Hundreds of miles of wire and many poles have been replaced by the gangs aggregating nearly 300 men at work in this county. These workers are now being redistributed through three states.

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SIGNALLED HALF HOUR, DIVER DIES IN EAST RIVER

New York, Dec. 24.—After signalling in vain for half an hour to the crew of a steam lighter to draw him to the surface, Harry Hanson, 43 years old, a diver, of No. 696 Twentieth street, Brooklyn, was suffocated yesterday at a depth of 65 feet in the East River. According to the police, the fatal accident was caused by the failure of certain machinery to work.

Hanson was employed by the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Co. of Manhattan, and was known as one of the most daring divers in the service. He had been engaged for more than 10 years with wrecking concerns on both sides of the East River.

With the crew of a steam lighter he was ordered yesterday to Sixty-fifth street, Brooklyn, to aid in lifting a sunken barge. Hanson's duty was to place huge chains about the vessel that it might be drawn to the surface by a derrick. He had gone over twice, and on the third trip the crew realized the air hose had become twisted, for the diver was signalling when he should have been receiving sufficient air.

Charles T. Everett of Astoria, who was in charge of the hoisting drum, endeavored to find the fault but soon realized that Hanson's life was in danger. Instead of lightly signalling as he did at first, he began struggling violently at the chain by which he was suspended.

Everett called to Clarence Edwards, Thomas Drew and James Seen, the remainder of his crew, to hoist the diver to the lighter. The men all took their places at the winches and started to turn.

Something Went Wrong.
The chain came only a few feet out of the water, and meantime, despite his great depth and the weight he carried with his armor, Hanson began to pull more violently. The men at the hoisting drum worked hard at the winches, but in a few seconds they realized something was wrong with the machinery and set about to fix it. Despite their efforts they could not move the chain another inch.

Hanson's desperate efforts at signalling kept up for half an hour, then ceased. A few minutes later the hoisting crew had repaired the machinery and drew him to the surface, but he was dead.

The matter was reported to the police, but no action was taken by them. Secretary Lansing issued a warning to American business concerns that it will be unwise in the future for them to send any one representative to more than one of the warring countries.

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ton 15c per lb

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